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TRANSLATION OF DOCUMENT 343-PS
OFFICE OF U S CHIEF COUNSEL

Field Marshall Milch

Berlin,-W 8, 31 Aug. 1942
Leipzigerstrasse 7

Dear Mr. Himmler !

I thank you very much for your letter of the 25 Aug. I have read with great interest the reports of Dr. Rascher and Dr. Romberg. I am informed about the current experiments. I shall ask the two gentlemen to give a lecture combined with the showing of motion pictures to my men in the near future.

Hoping that it will be possible for me to see you at the occassion of my next visit to Headquarters I remain with best regards and

Heil Hitler !

/s/ yours

E. M i l c h.

Mr. Reichsfuehrer SS and

Chief of the German Police Himmler

B e r l i n SW 11.

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S E C R E T

Field Marshal Milch

Berlin W 8, 2o May 1942
Leipzigerstrasse 7

Dear Wolffy !

In reference to your telegramm of 12 May our sanitary inspector reports to me that the altitude experiments carried out by the SS and Air Force at Dachau have been finished. Any continuation of these experiments seems essentially unreasonable. However the carrying out of experiments of some other kind, in regard to perils at high seas, would be important. These have been prepared in immediate agreement with the proper offices; Major (M.C.) Weltz will be charged with the execution and Capt (M.C.) Rascher will be made available until further orders in addition to his duties within the Medical Corps of the Air Corps. A change of these measures does not appear necessary, and an enlargement of the task is not considerred pressing at this time.

The low-pressure chamber would not be needed for these low-temperatur experiments. Is it urgently needed at another place and therefore can no longer remain in Dachau.

I convey the special thanks from the supreme commander of the Air Corps to the SS for their extensive cooperation.

I remain with best wishes for you in good comradship and with

Heil Hitler !

Always yours

s/s E. M i l c h

Mr. SS-Obergruppenfuehrer Wolff
Berlin SW 11.

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By: E. F. Jasinski
Date: 20 Sept 1946

Doc. No. 343-PS

Title and/or general nature:	Letter from General MILCH to Karl WOLFF re: freezing experiments
Date:	20 May 42
Source (Location of original, etc.):	7th Army Document Center
Language of original:	German
PERSONS, FIRMS OR ORGANIZATIONS, IMPLICATED:	Generalfeldmarschall E. MILCH Major (Medical Corps) WELTZ Karl WOLFF Sigmund RASCHER
TO BE FILED UNDER THESE REFERENCE HEADINGS:	Same as above Experiments on human beings Concentration camps - Dachau

SUMMARY (Indicate page nos. of original or translation):

Milch states that he has been informed by the Sanitaetsinspector that the high altitude experiments at Dachau have been completed. He sees no reason for continuing these experiments. However, it now seems important to carry out some other experiments concerning perils on the high seas, and preparations have been made for these with the approval of the departments concerned. Oberstabsarzt Weltz will be charged with their execution and Rascher will be made available, although he will continue to be attached to the Air Force. It doesn't seem necessary at this time to make any changes in these plans or to extend them in any way.

The low-pressure chamber will not be needed for these experiments. However, it is urgently needed elsewhere and can therefore no longer be kept at Dachau.

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NECESSARY PROCESSING TO PUT IN EVIDENTIARY FORM; LEADS:
General Fieldmarshal MILCH, SS General Karl WOLFF,
Dr. WELTZ, Dr. RASCHER

SUMMARY OF RELEVANT POINTS (with page references):

1. In this letter to SS General Wolff, Milch tells of experiments in Dachau with high altitude conditions. These have now been terminated and preparations have been made for experiments of under-water conditions. Chief Staff Physician Weltz is in charge with Staff Physician Rascher as assistant.
2. It is implied that these experiments have been carried out with human beings, inmates of the Dachau Concentration Camp. Among the instruments used was a high pressure chamber to simulate under-water conditions.

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Generalfeldmarschall Milch

Berlin W 8, d. 31.8.42.
Leipzigerstr. 7.

Lieber Herr Himmler!

Haben Sie vielen Dank für Ihren Brief vom 25.8. Ich habe mit grossem Interesse die Ausführung von Dr.Rascher und Dr.Romberg gelesen. Ich bin über die laufenden Versuche unterrichtet. In nächster Zeit werde ich die beiden Herren bitten, vor meinen Herren einen Vortrag mit Filmvorführung zu halten.

In der Hoffnung, dass es mir bei meinem nächsten Besuch im Hauptquartier möglich ist, Sie einmal aufzusuchen, verbleibe ich mit freundlichen Grüßen und

Heil Hitler!

Ihr E. Milch

Herrn
Reichsführer SS und
Chef der Deutschen Polizei Himmler
Berlin SW 11.

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Général Feldmaréchal MILCH

Berlin, WS 31.8.1942

Cher Monsieur HIMMLER

Recevez de multiples remerciements pour votre lettre du 25.8. J'ai lu avec grand intérêt les explication du Dr. RASCHER et du Dr. ROMBERG.

Je suis informé des expériences en cours.

D'ici peu je demanderai à ces deux Messieurs de faire une conférence avec projection de film devant ces Messieurs, de chez moi.

Dans l'espoir qu'il me sera donné lors de ma prochaine visite à q.g. de vous voir, je demeure avec les meilleures salutations et

Heil HITLER !

(manuscrit) Votre
E. MILCH

Monsieur

le Reichsführer SS et
Chef de la Police allemande HIMMLER

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Général Feldmaréchal MILCH

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Berlin W 6 le 20.5.1942

Cher Wölffchen !

En complément de votre télégramme du 12.5, j'apprends par notre inspecteur sanitaire que les expériences de haute altitude sont terminées à DACHAU. La poursuite de ces expériences ne semble pas objectivement motivée.

Par contre, la réalisation d'un autre genre d'expériences concernant la question des naufragés serait importante; celles-ci (les expériences) sont préparées dans le domaine immédiat des services compétents : Le médecin-commandant WELTZ sera chargé de leur mise en pratique et le médecin-capitaine RASCHER sera mis à leur disposition jusqu'à nouvel ordre, tout en gardant ses fonctions au sein du service sanitaire de la Luftwaffe.

Une modification de ces mesures ne semble pas s'imposer, un élargissement de l'activité ne paraît pas urgent pour l'instant.

Les chambres de basse pression ne sont pas nécessaires pour ces expériences de réfrigération à température basse, celles-ci sont requises de façon urgente ailleurs et ne pourront être laissées à DACHAU.

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Monsieur
le SS Obergruppenführer WOLFF
Berlin SW 11

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J'exprime aux SS les remerciements spéciaux du Commandant en Chef de la LUFTWAFFE pour l'aide considérable apportée par eux.

Je demeure avec les meilleurs voeux pour vous en vieille camaraderie avec

Heil Hitler !

Toujours votre

E. MILCH.

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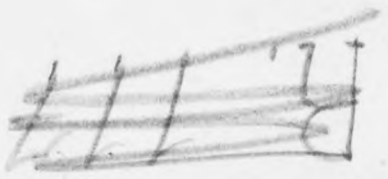
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